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# *Crowley Gets High Church Honor*

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Leo Crowley Becomes  
Knight of St. Gregory

# Madison Layman Receives High Honor in Solemn, Colorful Ceremony at Chapel

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WITH all the slow, colorful pageantry that is the heritage of the Catholic church, investiture of Leo T. Crowley, president of the Bank of Wisconsin, as a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory took place this morning in St. Mary's chapel.

Mr. Crowley is now, in the words of the Rev. P. B. Knox, who delivered the sermon, "Sir Knight Crowley, as well as Friend Leo Crowley."

Investiture as a Knight of St. Gregory is the highest honor the Catholic church can confer upon a layman, Father Knox said.

## Mass Precedes Investiture

Solemn high mass, with Father Knox preaching the sermon, and St. Mary's choir, under the direction of Father Ambrose Dobblessteen, of St. Norbert College, singing the mass in honor of the sacred heart, preceded the investiture.

Then Mr. Crowley, in conventional formal dress, advanced to the altar, accompanied by two tiny pages, David Dean and Patricia Crowley, bearing the eight-pointed medal of the Order of St. Gregory, and stood while Msgr. B. T. Traudt read the

letter of Pope Pius X, conferring the honor.

He read it first in sonorous, even-toned Latin, in which it was written and then read the English translation.

The letter explained that the cross of the Order of St. Gregory the Great was granted to Mr. Crowley because of his Christian life, his deep interest in the affairs of his church, and



Leo Crowley

his generosity toward the Catholic schools, St. Mary's hospital, and Sacred Heart academy in Madison.



In the upper left is Sir Leo Crowley wearing the cross of the order after the ceremony. The large picture shows Msgr. Bernard T. Traudi, Milwaukee, administrator of the diocese, in the act of pinning the cross upon Sir Leo's lapel.

Four Priests Assist

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trator of the diocese, in the act of pinning the cross upon  
Leo's lapel.

### Pins Medal on Coat

Then Mr. Crowley advanced and kneeled before Msgr. Traudt with bowed head while the latter leaned over and pinned upon the left lapel of his coat the ribbon from which is suspended the eight pointed golden medal, the symbol of the honor, with the picture of Pope Gregory I engraved upon it.

He arose a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory, civil class, and slowly returned to his seat guiding his two slightly confused pages with either hand.

After the benediction, the entourage of priests filed slowly from the chapel, and Sir Leo Crowley held an impromptu reception in one of the rooms on the first floor of the hospital, while the crowd thronged the passages.

### Four Priests Assist

Assisting Msgr. Traudt in the conduct of solemn high mass were Father F. Murphy, as deacon, Father G. Loughney as sub-deacon, Father J. Reidl as master of ceremonies, and Father H. C. Hengell as pontifical assistant.

Sir Leo Crowley is the sixth man in Wisconsin to be honored by the award. The others are Sir William G. Bruce, Sir Louis F. Germain, Sir Gustave Keller, all of Milwaukee, Sir John F. Martin of Green Bay, and Sir Frank J. Sensenbrenner, Neenah.

Father Knox, in his sermon, dwelt on the qualities of knighthood and told how the Order of St. Gregory was established in 1831 by Pope Gregory XVI as a reward for both civil and military services to the church in those turbulent times. The order was established in honor of Pope Gregory I.





The lower picture shows Father G. Loughney heading the procession as it passed slowly into St. Mary's chapel before the ceremony.

## Banquet Held

At noon the guests gathered in St. Mary's hospital dining room for a banquet. The invocation was pronounced by the Msgr. Traudt. Father F. E. Murphy acted as toastmaster. William Ryan gave an address of welcome. The Rev. William Mahoney delivered an address.

Priests of the church who were present at the ceremonies were the Rev. Frs. A. M. Arentz; George Biddle, Sun Prairie; John Clark, Madison; John Carroll, Milwaukee; George Casey, Stevens Point; Sidney Dwyer, Beaver Dam; August Dussold, Lodi; C. M. Delevigne, Madison; Thomas Doyle, John Feest, Madison; F. J. Fiss, Janesville; William Gensler, East Bristol; J. Graham, Janesville; John Hausler; Mr. Hanz; H. C. Hengel, Madison; E. Kersting, Cross Plains; M. J. Kinney, Avoca; Dean P. B. Knox, Madison; A. P. Kraus; A. L. Leist; John Lederer, Ashton; Father Leo, Madison; Father Lockowitz, Wilson; and Father Londo,

C. J. Hausner, Waunakee; G. Laughney, St. Mary's hospital; J. Nellen, Verona; Charles McBride, Beloit; M. J. McCarthy, Milwaukee; G. McGinnity, Madison; Ray Mahoney, Evansville; William Ma-

honey, Madison; Peter Perardi, Beloit; T. Riordan, Beaver Dam; J. Rist, Madison; Joseph Ryan, Milwaukee; F. X. Schneider; R. Sullivan; A. Schauenberg; J. Shanahan, Delavan, and Father Zaader, Madison; William Eggers, Madison.

The Rt. Rev. Abbot Pennings, St. Norbert's abbey, Green Bay; Father Riedl, Madison; Father Murphy, Milwaukee; the Norbertine Fathers Leo Rummel, Richard Londo, and Paul Savagan.

Out of town guests who attended the ceremonies were Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Van Aikin, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. John Stier, Beloit; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Yaeger, Beloit; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Crowley, Beloit; Peter Murphy, Chippewa Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ryan, Janesville; John Hayes, Rice Lake; Mr. and Mrs. George Flood, Delavan; Mr. and Mrs. E. McNeeny, Beloit.